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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTION POSSIBILITIES

1. IN OUR CONTACTS AMONG CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERS, WE GATHER THAT SENTIMENT FOR EARLY GENERAL ELECTION IS HARDENING. FAVORED TIMETABLE WOULD BE FOR PRIME MINISTER TO ADVISE THE QUEEN ON JANUARY 17 TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT WITH A GENERAL ELECTION BEING CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 7.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF CABINET EARLIER HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT CALLING AN ELECTION NOW, ALL CABINET MINISTERS ARE NOW UNITED IN BELIEF THAT PRIME MINISTER SHOULD TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE COUNTRY AT ONCE.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT YET COMMUNICATED HIS DECISION, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, TO ANYONE.

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